

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 375
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Requested by Senator Jim Peterson

For the House Judiciary Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 19

Strike: "ELIMINATING"

Insert: "REVISING"

2. Title, page 1, line 30.

Following: "13-37-216,"

Insert: "13-37-218,"

3. Title, page 2, line 1.

Strike: "REPEALING" through "13-37-218, MCA;"

4. Page 14, line 11.

Strike: "16"

Insert: "17"

5. Page 16, line 19.

Strike: "any" through "office"

Insert: "public service commissioner"

Following: "\$5,000"

Insert: "; (d) for a candidate for the state senate, not to exceed \$3,000;

(e) for a candidate for any other public office, not to exceed \$1,500"

6. Page 17, following line 7.

Insert: "**Section 11.** Section 13-37-218, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-37-218. Limitations on receipts from political committees. A candidate for the state senate may receive no more than ~~\$2,150~~ \$10,000 in total combined monetary contributions from all political committees contributing to the candidate's campaign, and a candidate for the state house of representatives may receive no more than ~~\$1,300~~ \$5,000 in total combined monetary contributions from all political committees contributing to the candidate's campaign. The limitations in this section must be multiplied by an inflation factor, which is determined by dividing the consumer price index for June of the year prior to the year in which a general election is held by the consumer price index for June ~~2003~~ 2013. The resulting figure must be rounded up or down to the nearest \$50 increment. The commissioner shall publish the revised limitations as a rule. In-kind

contributions must be included in computing these limitation totals. The limitation provided in this section does not apply to contributions made by a political party eligible for a primary election under 13-10-601."

{Internal References to 13-37-218: None.}"

Renumber: subsequent sections

7. Page 20, line 23.

Strike: "14"

Insert: "15"

8. Page 20, line 27.

Strike: "\$100"

Insert: "\$51"

9. Page 21, line 1.

Strike: "\$100"

Insert: "\$51"

10. Page 28, line 13 through line 15.

Strike: section 19 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

11. Page 28, line 17.

Strike: "14" through "16"

Insert: "15 through 17"

12. Page 28, line 19.

Strike: "14" through "16"

Insert: "15 through 17"

13. Page 28, following line 19.

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 21. Coordination**

instruction. (1) If both House Bill No. 265 and [this act] are passed and approved and if House Bill No 265 includes a section that repeals 13-37-218, then the repeal of 13-37-218 in House Bill No. 265 is void.

(2) If both House Bill No. 229 and [this act] are passed and approved and if House Bill No. 229 includes a section that repeals 13-37-218, then the repeal of 13-37-218 in House Bill No. 229 is void."

Renumber: subsequent sections

14. Page 29, line 1.

Strike: "17"

Insert: "18"

Strike: "18"

Strike: "19"

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Explanation - This amendment:

(1) removes the repealer for section 13-37-218 and raises the amount of money candidates for the senate and house may receive from political committees to \$10,000 and \$5,000.

(2) lowers what state senate and state house candidates can receive from political party committees from \$5,000 to \$3,000 for state senate and \$1,500 for state house. Currently, the caps in administrative rule are \$1,300 and \$800.

(3) amends the aggregate amount of money an individual must contribute before certain information about the individual must be disclosed from \$100 in the bill to \$51. Current law is at \$35.

(4) coordinates with HB 265 and HB 229, which would also repeal 13-37-218.